# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 22 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 23 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 22 Apr 2023 at 04:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for change to more unsettled weather than off late, medium too low for the extent of showers, snow and rain for Sunday.

**Headline for Saturday 22 Apr 2023:** Largely dry and occasionally sunny, but some lower cloud in north and east. Brisk easterly winds. Freezing level around 1000m.

**Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 22 Apr 2023**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
No Likelihood

**Gales**
No Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
Low Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Low Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
Medium Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny intervals | Cloudy |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 00% | 00% | 00% | 00% | 00% | 10% |

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**Weather:** Dry with prolonged clear then sunny periods for the majority. However low cloud feeding around northern and eastern ranges, most extensive early Saturday morning, thinning during the day, then thickening for the evening, bringing the chance of some late patchy light rain and summit snow here.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 90% or more by day, but note lower cloud expected around northern and eastern ranges.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with cloud occasional at low to mid-levels in north and east by day.

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**Forecast for Saturday 22 Apr 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 30/35 E | 24/29 E | 21/28 E | 22/30 E | 21/28 E | 21/28 NE | 22/29 NE |
| **900** | 28/33 E | 21/26 E | 21/28 E | 22/30 E | 20/27 E | 21/27 NE | 21/28 NE |
| **600** | 17/23 E | 15/20 E | 17/24 E | 18/26 E | 16/24 E | 14/21 NE | 13/20 NE |
| **300** | 5/22 E | 5/19 E | 8/23 E | 10/25 E | 8/22 E | 6/20 NE | 7/21 NE |
| **Glen** | 9/19 E | 3/12 NE | 11/21 E | 12/23 E | 12/22 E | 9/20 NE | 10/21 NE |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 2/-5 | 1/-6 | 3/-2 | 4/-2 | 3/-3 | 0/-6 | -0/-7 |
| **900** | 2/-4 | 2/-4 | 4/-1 | 5/-0 | 4/-2 | 1/-5 | 0/-6 |
| **600** | 5/-0 | 5/1 | 7/3 | 8/4 | 6/2 | 4/-1 | 3/-2 |
| **300** | 4/2 | 8/7 | 11/10 | 12/10 | 9/8 | 6/4 | 5/3 |
| **Glen** | 7/4 | 11/10 | 14/12 | 15/12 | 12/10 | 8/6 | 7/5 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 900m | 900m | 1100m | 1100m | 1100m | 1000m | 900m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
As with the last week sunburn in exposure. Some severe wind chill across higher peaks.

**Forecast for Sunday 23 Apr 2023**
**Weather:** Rather cloudy with showers that occasionally merge to longer periods of snow and rain. Best of shelter in the south, towards the likes of Knoydart. Snow level 600m lowering 300m or less from early evening.

**Maximum wind:** North or northeast mean 25-30mph with gusts reaching 40-45mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 50% in north 80% in south

**Low cloud and visibility:** Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases frequently in north and occasionally in south lowering 500m.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius increasing 7 Celsius for afternoon
**At 800m:** Minus 2 Celsius decreasing minus 4 Celsius by days end
**Freezing level:** 700m lowering 400m

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